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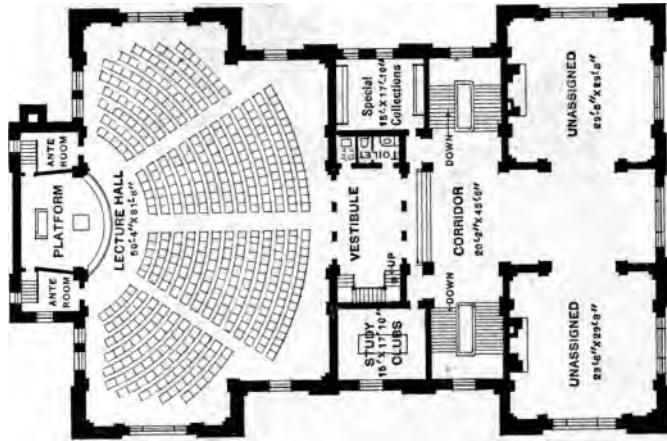
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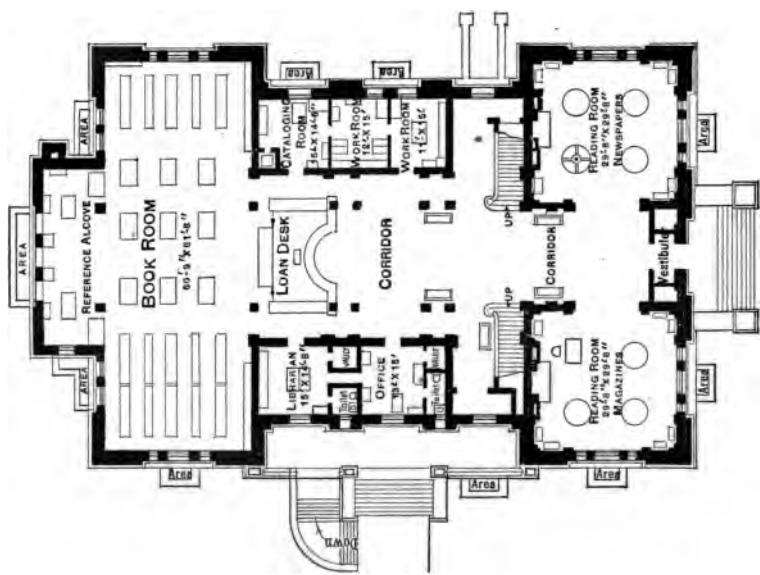




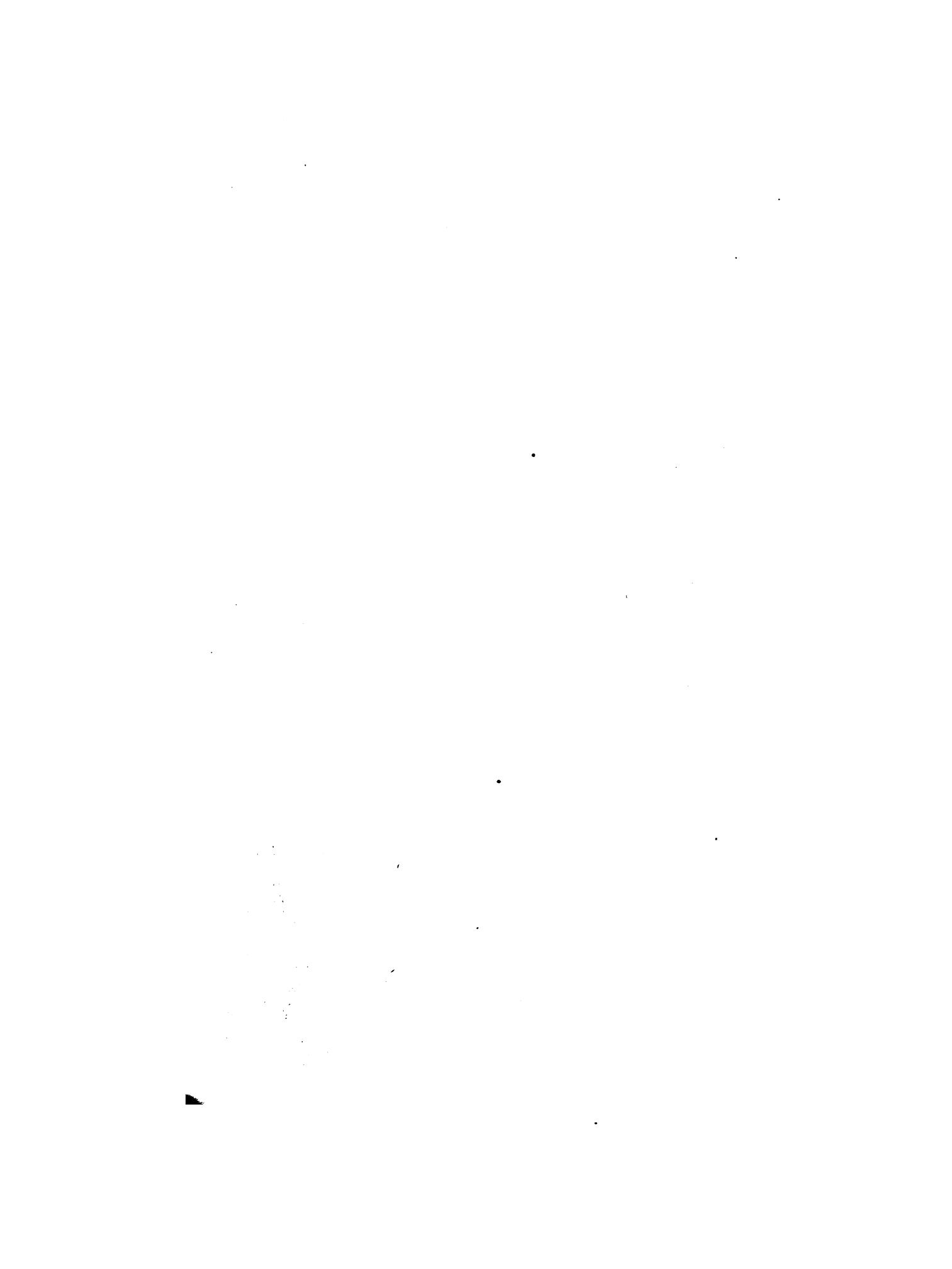
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PREFACE.

At the annual meeting of the Texas Library Association held in San Antonio in April, 1907, the Secretary was instructed to prepare a supplement to the *Handbook of Texas Libraries* issued in 1904 by Mr. P. L. Windsor, then Secretary of the Association. Numerous delays, some of them at least unavoidable by the compiler, have greatly delayed the appearance of the publication, the last delay being due to the decision to secure the latest statistics of libraries for the statistical summary. Practically all of the libraries that had responded to the previous inquiries responded promptly to this "last call," so the statistical summary offers the 1907-8 statistics of all the principal libraries of Texas, except some half dozen, and these are noted by an asterisk in the summary.

Owing to the fact that the material for the summary has grown beyond all expectation, it has been decided to call it *Handbook of Texas Libraries, Number Two.*

JULIA IDESON, Secretary.

TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.
CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

1. The name of this Association shall be the Texas Library Association.

OBJECT.

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote library interests in Texas.

MEMBERS.

3. Any person interested in Texas libraries may become a member of this Association by vote of the Executive Board and the payment of the annual membership fee of \$1 to the Treasurer. Any person may become a life member by vote of the Executive Board and the payment of \$10 to the Treasurer. Any person who has performed distinguished service to Texas libraries may, on the recommendation of the Executive Board, be elected an honorary member, without dues, by the Association.

OFFICERS.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve for one year, or till their successors are elected. The usual powers and duties shall attach to these offices, unless otherwise ordered by the Association through its By-Laws.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

5. The administration of the affairs of this Association, when the Association itself is not in session, is vested in an Executive Board consisting of the officers.

MEETINGS.

6. The Executive Board shall arrange for an annual meeting of the Association, and for such other meetings as they think advisable.

BY-LAWS.

7. The Association may, at any meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present adopt By-Laws not inconsistent with this Constitution.

AMENDMENTS.

8. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a three-fourths vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Secretary in writing at least thirty days before said annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. The fiscal year of this Association shall end on August 31, and membership dues are payable in September. The name of any member who is in arrears for dues of more than one year shall be dropped from the membership roll. A member whose dues are paid may resign at any time, by notifying the Treasurer.

2. At the annual meeting following his election the President shall deliver an address.

3. At the first session of the annual meeting the President shall appoint a Committee on Resolutions and one on Nominations. These committees shall report at the last session of the meeting.

4. The Treasurer shall keep a permanent roll book, receive all Association moneys, keeping an accurate record thereof, and pay all bills authorized by the Association or the Executive Board, and make an annual written report to the Executive Board.

5. Free entertainment of members is not expected at meetings of this Association.

OFFICERS.**1907-8.**

President—Mrs. Charles Scheuber, Fort Worth.

First Vice President—Mr. Benjamin Wyche, San Antonio.

Second Vice President—Mrs. William Christian, Houston.

Treasurer—Miss Gertrude Matthews, Waco.

Secretary—Miss Julia Ideson, Houston.

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Secretary—Miss Julia Ideson, Houston.

LIST OF PAID MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 1907-08.

Alexander, Mrs. Angus E.	Librarian Carnegie Library	Terrell, Texas.
Armin, Mrs. E. A.	President Shakespeare Club	Flatonia, Texas.
Banks, Mrs. W. S.	Trustee	Temple, Texas.
Benson, B. K.	Agent D. C. Heath Co.	Austin, Texas.
Brown, Miss Elsie		San Antonio, Texas.
Burleson, Mrs. Lucy	Southwest Texas Normal	San Marcus, Texas.
Buynitzky, Miss Eleanor	First Assistant Public Library	Dallas, Texas.
Christian, Mrs. William		Houston, Texas.
Courchesne, A.		El Paso, Texas.
Crawford, Miss Caddie	Assistant Librarian Carnegie Library	Houston, Texas.
Devine, Miss Kittie	Carnegie Library	San Antonio, Texas.
Dibrell, Mrs. J. B.		Seguin, Texas.
Dumble, Mrs. Tillie L.	Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Library	Houston, Texas.
Edwards, Miss Agnes	First Assistant Carnegie Library	San Antonio, Texas.
Ferrell, Mrs. J. R.	Trustee Carnegie Library	Waco, Texas.
Fouts, Mr. Elwood	Librarian Baylor Library	Waco, Texas.
Franklin, Miss Nora C.	Assistant Carnegie Library	San Antonio, Texas.
Gallaway, Miss Irene D.	Librarian Sims Library	Waxahachie, Texas.
Gardener, Miss Mary C.	First Assistant Rosenberg Library	Galveston, Texas.
Hall, Miss Nellie	Cataloger State University	Austin, Texas.
Hibbs, Miss Ethel	Assistant Rosenberg Library	Galveston, Texas.
Hill, Miss Addie	Librarian Medical Department State Uni	Galveston, Texas.
Hill, Miss Annie	versity Assistant Carnegie Library	Houston, Texas.
Houston, Mrs. M. C.	Librarian Carnegie Library	Corsicana, Texas.
Ideson, Miss Julia	Librarian Houston Lyceum and Carnegie	Houston, Texas.
Jackson, Miss Bertha	Library	Corsicana, Texas.
Jones, Miss Ethel		Houston, Texas.
Key, Mrs. J. M.	Fortnightly Public Library	Brenham, Texas.
McKennon, Mrs. M.	Librarian Southwestern University	Georgetown, Texas.
Matthews, Miss Gertrude	Librarian Waco Public Library	Waco, Texas.
Mays, Miss Clara	Carnegie Library	San Antonio, Texas.
Mezes, S. E.	University of Texas	Austin, Texas.
Milliken, Miss Clara	Librarian El Paso Public Library	El Paso, Texas.
Nance, Mrs. J. A.	Carnegie Library	Jefferson, Texas.
Osgood, Miss Mary A.	Librarian Public Library	Tyler, Texas.
Patten, F. C.	Librarian Rosenberg Library	Galveston, Texas.
Peticolus, Mrs. A. B.	Librarian Bronte Library	Victoria, Texas.
Phillips, Rev. J. A.	1012 W. Houston Street	San Antonio, Texas.
Riddle, Miss F. L.	Assistant Carnegie Library	San Antonio, Texas.
Ring, Mrs. H. F.	Trustee Houston Lyceum and Carnegie	Houston, Texas.
Roval, Miss Rebecca	Library	Cleburne, Texas.
Schueber, Mrs. C.	Librarian Public Library	Fort Worth, Texas.
Smith, Mrs. C. F.	Public Library	McGregor, Texas.
Snodgrass, Miss Bessie	Carnegie Library	San Antonio, Texas.
Stone, Mrs. C. B.	1421 Avenue E.	Galveston, Texas.
Sutton, Dr. W. S.	University of Texas	Austin, Texas.
Terrell, Mrs. J. C.		Fort Worth, Texas.
Windsor, Mr. P. L.	Trustee University of Texas	Austin, Texas.
Winkler, Mr. E. W.	State Librarian	Austin, Texas.
Wyche, Mr. B.	Librarian Carnegie Library	San Antonio, Texas.
Wyche, Mrs. B.		San Antonio, Texas.
Wyche, Miss Mary L.		Durham, N. C.
Friday Afternoon Club	Mrs. Julia Wood, President	Mexia, Texas.
Nineteenth Century Club		Corsicana, Texas.
'93 Club	Mrs. C. Van Zandt, Treasurer	Fort Worth, Texas.
Paris Lotus Club	Mrs. G. M. Price, Treasurer	Paris, Texas.
Shakespeare Club	Mrs. L. T. Fontaine	Austin, Texas.
XX Century Club	Mrs. H. C. Leach, President	Beaumont, Texas.
Waco Press Club	Mrs. F. B. Robinson	Waco, Texas.
Woman's Club	Mrs. J. R. Ferrell, President	Waco, Texas.
Woman's Wednesday Club	Mrs. R. L. Slaughter	Midland, Texas.
Woman's Wednesday Club	Mrs. B. A. Stafford, President	Mineola, Texas.
Woman's Ruskin Club	Mrs. J. R. Griffin, President	Itasca, Texas.
Beaumont Public Library	Mrs. M. L. Fuller, 934 Calder Avenue	
Wharton Public Library	Miss Kate Rugeley, Librarian	
Palestine Public Library	Miss Harriet H. Hall, Secretary	

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

The Texas Library Association was organized June 9, 1902, in the main building of the State University at Austin. This action was largely the result of the persistent activity of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the promotion of public libraries having been adopted as the paramount work of the Federation at its organization five years previous. A library sentiment had in a measure been aroused throughout the State, a number of libraries established, and the great need of a State library commission made apparent, if Texas was to keep step with other States in educational development; therefore, when, in May, 1902, a joint invitation, signed by Mr. Wyche, librarian of the State University, Dr. Raines, of the State Library, and Mrs. Pennybacker, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, was extended to all persons interested in public libraries to come together for the purpose of organizing a State Library Association, the call met with a most enthusiastic response. Permanent organization was effected, with President Prather, of the University, as president, and Mr. Wyche as secretary. A legislative committee was created, with Hon. A. P. Woolridge as chairman.

The following special purposes were adopted: (1) A State Library Commission; (2) the establishment of a system of free traveling libraries; (3) the enlargement and proper recognition of the State Library; (4) the gathering and distribution of library information.

The association has steadily grown in numbers, its present membership being 85. Annual meetings, with one exception, have been held, successively, in the following places: Austin, Houston, Waco, San Antonio and Fort Worth. The place of meeting is varied, so as to reach different sections of the state. In addition to the benefits derived from the formal proceedings and the papers presented at the different sessions of each general meeting, those in attendance have received great benefit from the informal discussions and personal contact with their fellow workers.

In 1904, the Association issued a handbook of Texas libraries, edited by the Secretary, Mr. Phineas L. Windsor, of which the

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present issue is a supplement. An outline on instruction in use of library and a list of the best books on Texas are in preparation. The Association has worked consistently for the establishment of a Library Commission for Texas. A library bill, prepared by joint committees of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and the Association, has been presented to the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Legislatures. A copy of the bill as amended, with the unanimously favorable report of the Committee on State Affairs of the Thirtieth Legislature, to which it was referred, will be found on pages 10 to 15. The bill, as reported by the committee, would undoubtedly have passed the legislature had it not been for the press of other legislation that prevented its presentation to either house. The bill, slightly modified, will be presented to the coming session of the legislature. The Association and its able coadjutor, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, are preparing a vigorous campaign in its behalf that, they feel assured, will lead to victory.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION BILL.

**As Reported by House Committee of Thirtieth Legislature.
Full Report.**

Committee Amendments.

COMMITTEE ROOM, AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 8, 1907.

Hon. Thos. B. Love, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SIR: Having been instructed by your Committee on State Affairs to make full report on House Bill No. 38, which provides for creating the Texas Library Commission and travelling libraries, I beg to report as follows:

Your committee having fully considered the original bill recommend that the bill do pass as amended by the amendment adopted by the committee and attached hereto, for the following reasons:

1. The State library, curios, etc., which are now under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History, are in a somewhat chaotic condition, there not being room in the office of the Commissioner for all of the books, and they are scattered throughout the Capitol, many of the books being piled up in the cellars, and others in the Supreme Court library, and it being impossible under present conditions to catalogue and shelve them so as to be useful and accessible.

2. It is highly important that the people of the whole State have the advantage of a State library, which can only be had through the establishment of a board, with provisions for complete cataloguing and systematic care of the books, and the employment of an experienced librarian to take charge of them, as well as to establish travelling libraries.

3. Your committee further specially recommend the feature of the bill which provides for a legislative reference section of the State library, following the plan which has been adopted with so much satisfaction in many of the other States.

POOL.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS.

Amend House Bill No. 38 by striking out all after the enacting clause and insert as follows:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby created the Texas Library Commission, consisting of seven members, which Commission shall be assigned suitable offices at the Capitol and whose objects and purposes shall be to conduct travelling libraries, to establish a public library at the State Capitol, to encourage the improvement of such libraries as

are struggling for existence, to collect materials relating to the history of Texas and the adjoining States, to preserve, classify and publish the manuscript archives, to diffuse knowledge in regard to the history of Texas, to encourage historical work and research, to mark historic sites and houses and secure their preservation, to aid those who are studying the problems to be dealt with by legislation and to perform such other duties as may be enjoined by law.

SEC. 2. That the Governor of the State of Texas shall by and with the advice and consent of the Senate appoint five persons who, together with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the president of the State University, shall constitute the Texas Library Commission. Appointments shall be made for the term of two years, except appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be made by the Governor for the unexpired term. The Governor shall convene said Library Commissioners at the State Capitol within ten days after this act goes into effect. Thereafter the Library Commissioners shall hold at the State Capitol at least one regular meeting annually, and as many special meetings as may be necessary. The State librarian hereinafter provided for shall be secretary of the Library Commission. No member of the Commission shall receive any salary or per diem or other compensation for his services as such Commissioner, but the actual expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the Commission, or by any member thereof in visiting and establishing libraries shall be paid for by the State. The Commission shall select a State librarian, who shall not be of their number and who shall be a competent and experienced librarian. Said State librarian shall serve at the will of the Commission and receive such compensation as the Commission may determine. He shall record the proceedings of the Commission, keep an accurate account of its financial transactions, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him by said Commission. In addition to his salary, the State librarian shall be allowed his actual expenses when travelling in the service of the Commission. Such expenses shall be certified to under oath and approved by the chairman, or acting chairman, of the Commission. Said Commission shall have power, from time to time as may be required, to appoint such other clerical and expert assistants as shall be necessary to the performance of the duties of the Commission.

SEC. 3. That the Texas Library Commission is authorized and empowered to purchase suitable books, the same to be the property of the State, which shall constitute a State circulating library, from which any town, village, community, school, college, university, library association, farmers' institute, study club, charitable or penal institution or individual may borrow books free of cost, except for transportation, after having complied with such rules as the Commission may adopt. These books shall be separated by the Commission into groups to be known as travelling libraries. The Commission shall adopt such rules in regard to the circulating of these travelling libraries as will insure

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the greatest benefit and efficiency to the public and proper care and safety to the books. The Commission shall give advice to such persons as contemplate the establishment of public libraries in regard to such matters as the maintenance of public libraries, selection of books, cataloguing and library management. To this end the Commission may publish book lists, circulars of information, or a regular monthly bulletin, as it shall deem expedient and necessary. The Commission may also conduct library institutes, encourage library associations and provide for a school of library instruction. The State librarian shall ascertain the condition of all public libraries in this State and report the results to the Commission.

SEC. 4. The State librarian is directed and authorized to exchange copies of every book, document, map, chart and other publication issued by the several departments, institutions, boards, commissions or other officials of this State with all the States and Territories of the Union, with the free and public libraries of this State, and with any institution or foreign government that shall send its own publications to the Texas State Library in mutual exchange. The Secretary of State or such other officer or officers as may have them in charge is hereby required to turn over to the State library, as soon as printed, one hundred and fifty copies of every book, document, map, chart, and other publication, including the journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, for the purpose of exchange, as indicated above. The State printing board is authorized and required to have one hundred sets of the reports, documents, etc., intended for exchange, bound in substantial form and plainly labelled. During the session of the Legislature, fifty copies of the daily record and of every printed bill and of all other publications of said Legislature, or of either house, shall be turned over to the State library by the sergeant-at-arms immediately upon their receipt from the printer, and shall be distributed by the State librarian to the larger public libraries within this State. All books, documents, publications, and manuscripts, received by any one through gift, purchase or exchange or loan from any source for the use of the State, shall constitute a part of the State library, and shall be placed therein for the use of its patrons.

SEC. 5. That Article 2805 of the Revised Civil Statues of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. That so much of the law relating to the department of agriculture, insurance, statistics and history as places under the jurisdiction of that department the custody and control of books, documents, newspapers, manuscripts, archives, relics, mementoes, flags, works of art, etc., now in said department of agriculture, insurance, statistics and history is hereby repealed, and the custody and control of said books, documents, newspapers, manuscripts, archives, relics, mementoes, flags, works of art, etc., are hereby transferred to the Texas Library Commission. To avoid all misunderstanding, it is hereby expressly declared that the gallery of portraits of the Presidents of the Republic and of

the Governors of the State of Texas constitutes a part of the State library. The Texas Library Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations for the government of the State library as will insure the careful preservation of the books, documents, newspapers, manuscripts, archives, relics, mementoes, flags, works of art, etc., deposited therein, and particularly shall all materials relating to the history of Texas be carefully safeguarded.

SEC. 7. That Article 2806 of the Revised Civil Statutes be amended (1) by repealing all after the words "All printed volumes of the statutes," in line seven, and (2) by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "And he shall in like manner turn over to the State library all printed volumes of the statutes or laws of any nation, State or Territory, to be deposited in said State library for the same use and purpose as the other books kept there."

SEC. 8. That the duties of the State Librarian shall be as follows:

1. He shall have charge of the State library and all books, documents, newspapers, manuscripts, archives, relics, mementoes, flags, etc., therein contained.

2. He shall correspond with persons well informed in the history of Texas, and solicit reliable information concerning the same. He shall carefully preserve the original documents conveying information obtained in this way.

3. He shall endeavor to collect all manuscript records relating to the history of Texas now in the hands of private individuals, and where the originals can not be obtained he shall endeavor to procure authenticated copies. He shall be authorized to expend the money appropriated for the purchase of books relating to Texas, and he shall seek diligently to procure a copy of every book, pamphlet, map, or other printed matter giving valuable information concerning this State. He shall collect portraits or photographs of as many of the prominent men of Texas as possible. He shall endeavor to complete the files of the early Texas newspapers now on file in the State library; and he shall cause to be bound the current files of not less than ten of the leading newspapers of the State, and the current files of not less than four leading newspapers of the United States, and of as many of the county papers, professional journals, denominational papers, agricultural papers, trade journals and other publications of this State as seem necessary to preserve in the State library an accurate record of the current history of Texas.

4. He shall demand and receive from the officers having them in charge all books, maps, papers, manuscripts, documents, memoranda and data not connected with or necessary to the current duties of said officers, relating to the history of Texas, and carefully classify, catalogue and preserve the same. The Attorney General shall decide as to the proper custody of such books, etc., whenever there is any disagreement as to the same.

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5. Any State, county or other official is hereby authorized and empowered in his discretion to turn over to the State library for permanent preservation therein any official books, records, documents, original papers, maps, charts, newspaper files and printed books not in current use in his offices, and the State librarian shall receipt for the same.

6. The State librarian shall endeavor to procure from Mexico the original archives which have been removed from Texas and relate to the history and settlement thereof, and in case he can not procure the originals, he shall endeavor to procure authentic copies thereof. In like manner he shall procure the originals or authentic copies of manuscripts preserved in other archives beyond the limits of this State, in so far as said manuscripts relate to the history of Texas.

7. He shall preserve all historical relics, mementoes, antiquities and works of art connected with and relating to the history of Texas, which may in any way come into his possession as State librarian. He shall constantly endeavor to build up an historical museum worthy of the interesting and important history of this State.

8. It shall not be lawful for the State librarian to permit any manuscript records, papers, documents, relics, works of art, or such property under his charge, except printed matter bound in volumes of books, to be taken from his custody, nor from the public building which has been assigned for their preservation.

9. He shall give careful attention to the proper classification, indexing and preservation of the official archives that are now or may hereafter come into his custody.

10. He shall make a biennial report to the Texas Library Commissioners, to be by them transmitted to the Governor, to be accompanied by such historical papers and documents as may be deemed of importance by him.

SEC. 9. All books, papers, maps, documents, manuscripts, memoranda, and data which relate to the history of Texas, as a province, colony, republic, or State, which have been or may hereafter be delivered to the State librarian by the Secretary of State, Comptroller, Commissioner of the General Land Office, or by any of the heads of the departments, or by any person or officer in pursuance of law, shall be deemed books and papers of the State library, and shall constitute a part of the archives of said State library, and the State librarian shall classify and carefully preserve the same, and copies therefrom shall be made and certified by the said State librarian upon application of any person interested, which certificate shall have the same force and effect as if made by the officer originally in custody of them, and for which the same fees shall be charged, to be collected in advance.

SEC. 10. That the said Library Commission is hereby authorized and directed to maintain for the use and information of the members of the Legislature, the heads of the several State departments, and such other

citizens as may desire to consult the same, a section of the State library for legislative reference and information, whose assistance shall be made available to the fullest extent possible to those who may call upon it. The Library Commission shall appoint an assistant librarian, competent to conduct the work of said legislative reference section. Said assistant librarian shall prepare and have available for use explanatory check lists and catalogues of the current legislation of this and other States, catalogues of the bills and resolutions presented in either branch of the Legislature, check lists of the public documents of the several States, including all reports issued by the various departments, boards and commissions of this State, digests of such public laws of this and other States as may best be made available for legislative use. Said assistant librarian shall give the members of the Legislature such aid and assistance in the drafting of bills and resolutions as may be asked. He shall also investigate the manner in which laws have worked in other States, so that the Legislature and the committees and the members thereof shall have the fullest information upon all matters relating to their duties. The said assistant librarian is hereby authorized and directed to co-operate during the sessions of the Legislature with the librarian or other authorized officer of the several libraries supported in any manner by State funds with a view to perfecting a joint arrangement by which the needs of the Legislature in the matter of general books of reference may be met to the fullest possible extent.

SEC. 11. The printing of all lists, the binding necessary for the preservation of the materials collected under this act, the cards and card catalogue cases, the library shelving, filing cases, and such other materials and supplies as may be necessary to secure the economical and efficient administration of the various duties imposed by this act shall be furnished by the State.

SEC. 12. The Texas Library Commission shall make a biennial report to the Governor; said report shall present a comprehensive view of the operation of the said Commission in the discharge of the duties imposed by this act, shall present a review of the library conditions in this State, present an itemized statement of the expenditures of the Commission, make such recommendations as their experience shall suggest and present careful estimates of the sum or sums of money necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of this act. Said report shall be made and printed, and by the Governor laid before the Legislature, as other department reports.

Strike out the caption and in lieu thereof insert as follows:

"A bill to be entitled, An Act to create the Texas Library Commission and State and travelling libraries, and setting forth the purposes of creating the said Library Commission, defining its powers and duties, regulating the administration of the State and travelling libraries, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith."

HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

Additions and Corrections to Historical Sketches of Texas Libraries in the Handbook for 1904.

BELTON.

Carnegie Library. The library was founded in 1898 and maintained by the Wednesday Club for a number of years. The Carnegie building was entered September 25, 1905. Total number of volumes now in the library, 2,022; added in 1907, 146. Income, \$700, of which \$124.25 was spent for books and periodicals. The library is open four hours every week day. Librarian, Emma Lee. Trustees, Dr. J. M. Frazier, President; J. D. Robinson, L. H. Hubbard, Mrs. S. W. Ray, W. S. Hunter, Misses Meyer and Burford.

CLEBURNE.

Carnegie Library. In 1901 the Woman's Club of Cleburne undertook as its special work the founding and maintenance of a free public library in Cleburne. Under the able leadership of the president, Mrs. J. D. Osborn, the untiring efforts of the club were crowned with success, and the nucleus of the present library, consisting of a thousand volumes in collections to the memory of Hattilu Osborn, Mary Helen Allen, Phil T. Allen, W. F. Heard, and five other collections given respectively by the Knights of Pythias Lodge, the Magazine Club, the Shakespeare Club, the Woman's Club and the town of Keene, were installed in rented rooms and maintained on the subscription plan for three years. A librarian was employed, and the library kept open three afternoons in the week.

Letters were written, asking assistance from Mr. Carnegie, and finally, through the personal effort of Mrs. D. E. Waggoner, secretary of the Woman's Club, the city received in the spring of 1903 the offer of \$20,000 for a library building if conditions were met.

At a mass meeting of citizens a library association was organized and a board of trustees, consisting of nine members, elected. With the co-operation of this board, the city assumed the obligations imposed, and voted a special tax for the maintenance of the library.

The cornerstone was laid January 6, 1904, and on May 25, 1905, the library was formally opened to the public.

The building is of buff brick, with cement and brick trimmings. The second story is an auditorium, with stage and dressing rooms, and furnished with chairs and a piano. The seating capacity is 400.

On the main floor are delivery hall, stack room, reference room, reading room, office and children's room, making supervision easy.

The interior woodwork is of pine, stained dark, and the furnishings are of weathered oak. The building is well lighted with electricity, and heated by coal furnaces.

The open shelf system is in use, and the books are classified according to the decimal classification, and catalogued on cards. The library is open on week days from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Sundays and holidays, from 2 to 6 p. m. Fifty periodicals are received.

Story hour has been inaugurated, under the direction of a member of the board, and a reading circle for boys and girls has been organized this year.

CORSICANA.

The **Carnegie Library** of Corsicana was opened to the public on January 1st, 1906. Prior to that time, a small subscription library under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. had for several years been in operation, the books of which formed the nucleus for the new library.

The present building, a commodious two-story structure, costing \$25,000, was given by Mr. Carnegie, and erected on a large corner lot within a block of the business section of the town.

From the first, the citizens of Corsicana have manifested great pride and interest in their library. The children especially, who form one-third of the membership, are constant attendants, their interest being increased by story hours, bulletins, and special personal attention.

The library now numbers 4,590 volumes, and receives regularly 53 periodicals. A complete card catalogue has been made, and special instruction is from time to time given the pupils of the High School in the use of the catalogue and of the reference books.

31,428 volumes were circulated for home use during the past

year, and an average of 1,400 readers and 300 reference workers visit the library each month.

In addition to the regular appropriation of \$2,500 from the city, valuable assistance is given by the Women's Study Clubs, who make frequent donations of books, and are foremost in every movement looking to the advancement of library interests.

The present library board consists of nine members: Mayor E. A. Johnson, J. H. Woods, James Garity, C. H. Allyn, F. N. Drane, Mrs. Rufus Hardy, Mrs. W. J. Gordon, Mrs. F. J. Halbert, Miss Louise Pace. Librarian, Mrs. M. C. Houston.

CUERO.

Hawthorne Library. Maintained by the Hawthorne Club. Established in 1899; now contains 725 volumes. Supported by subscriptions and donations. Receipts, 1907, \$40.00, which was all expended for books. Open two hours daily. Librarians, Mrs. W. S. Fleming, Miss Hutchings.

John C. French High School Library has a collection of 1,250 volumes.

GALVESTON.

Rosenberg Library. The beautiful building of the Rosenberg Library is centrally and conveniently located just in the edge of the residence part of the city and near to the business district; and it is near the high school, a matter of considerable importance. It is designed in late Italian renaissance style of architecture, having most excellent architectural proportions, and appropriately presents a very dignified appearance on its spacious grounds elevated several feet above the street. The building is 87 by 134 feet in size, the main entrance being in the east end toward Tremont street. The construction is massive and fire-proof; the exterior is of light gray pressed brick with stone base resting on a brick and concrete foundation; the trimmings are of cream white terra cotta and the roof is of green tile. The building was dedicated to the educational service of the people with public exercises, in presence of a notable assemblage of citizens, in the library lecture hall June 22, 1904, the birthday of the founder. Each birthday anniversary has since been celebrated by the people of Galveston with appropriate ex-

ercises in the library lecture hall as Founder's Day in honor of "Our Benefactor." The cost of grounds, building, equipment, and present library, has been \$225,000, and there is a permanent endowment fund of over \$500,000.

All the privileges of the library are free. There are the usual departments, loan, periodical, reference, etc. It is intended first to establish the most common and widely serviceable features of a public library, with an appropriate selection of the best popular books, and to extend the usefulness of the library to all classes in the community. The library management purposes to lay a good foundation for a popular educational institution with many activities, such as the well-managed and progressive libraries of today have become. The institution must be developed slowly and carefully, but the fruitful possibilities of this educational enterprise are foreseen. As the library grows and its use increases opportunities for usefulness will open out in many directions. Gradually, it is believed, there can be collected an important reference library containing, beside the common reference books and duplicates of many standard works of the loan department, also a considerable number of less common, more expensive, and out-of-print works useful mainly to the scholar, the investigator, the specialist, and the technical expert. It is hoped that in time there will be built up an institution worthy to be considered an important center for the intellectual life and higher interests of the community.

The library now contains over 32,000 volumes (including public documents) of carefully selected books. The public have "open access" without any formality whatever to the 12,000 volumes of the loan department (3,000 only being fiction), to the most used portion of the 17,000 volumes of the reference library, and to the 3,000 volumes of the children's department. The children's department includes a small reference collection of about 300 volumes of the very best children's books in the best editions, many of them beautifully illustrated by artists famous for the excellence of their work in illustrating children's books. There is also a select school collection of 750 volumes of good literature suitable for the different grades, consisting of 25 copies of each of 30 different books. These are loaned as desired to school principals in sets, so that 25 children of a single school room can all be reading at home the same book at the same time. In the collection of public docu-

ments (publications of United States, States, and cities) there are about 5,000 volumes. The library has about 15,000 pamphlets. For the reading rooms of the periodical department over 325 current periodicals (magazines, journals, newspapers, etc.) are regularly received.

The Galveston Public Library, which has existed since 1871, was discontinued by the city at the end of February, 1905, and all the books and pamphlets were donated to the Rosenberg Library. Many books were entirely worn out and unfit for further use, but over 1,500 desirable volumes were regularly added to the library. There were, beside these, a large number of valuable public documents and pamphlets. Beside the books donated by the city about 3,500 volumes have been received, most of them from citizens of Galveston. One of the most notable of the donations is a bound set of 130 volumes of the Galveston News from 1870 to date.

The library is regularly open twelve hours a day, but on Sundays and holidays the periodical department only is open three hours. The number of registered borrowers is 7,100 (about one in five of the population of the city), of which 3,200 are children under sixteen, and 3,900 are adults. Since the opening of the library in June, 1904, there have been about 270,000 loans of books for home use, an average of over 200 a day. The loans to children have been 38 per cent. of the total.

In the development of the library great importance is attached to the reference department. It is especially through the good service of this department that the present large studious use of the library has been built up. Lists of books annotated or illustrated for the bulletin board, and other means, are very useful, but it is recognized that in the management of the reference department efficiency depends largely upon giving the reader good personal assistance. It is to the educated and skilled head of this department that the reader and student naturally brings his questions and receives the efficient personal help needed to find the books, periodicals, and pamphlets best suited to give him the information wanted and aid him in his studies. People who come to the library with serious questions should be so encouraged by the expert assistance obtained that the library will gradually come to seem to the public as a natural headquarters for information upon all sorts of important matters, not only in questions of literature, art, history, geog-

raphy, and theoretical science, but also upon the practical matters of everyday life in the home, in business, in the trades and industrial arts, and upon the vital public questions of the time.

In making plans for the foundation of a broad institution to fulfill the purposes of the notable library bequest of Henry Rosenberg, the directors, besides providing for the other departments of library activity, have also recognized the great practical and cultural benefit to the people of the community to be derived from frequent instructive, popular lectures "upon practical, literary, and scientific subjects," as suggested in the will itself. As in all the work of the institution, the primary aim of the lecture department is educational. While it is desired that the Rosenberg Library free lectures shall be interesting and popular in the best sense, and frequently illustrated by stereopticon views, yet it is intended that they shall be of such high order of merit as to attract and interest the thoughtful and the studious. In developing a system of library lectures it is intended that these shall eventually embrace a wide range of subjects of general interest. Literature, education, art, travel, history, government, economics, finance, charities, and municipal affairs will receive their share of attention. The natural and physical sciences in their popular aspects, the various industries, especially those of our own State and country, commerce by land and sea, important engineering enterprises and public works, significant new movements and events, and all timely topics relating to the work and thought of the present-day world are considered very desirable subjects for library lectures.

The work of the lecture department of Rosenberg Library is being developed in the belief that this is a very important educational activity. Notably successful instances in other cities furnish encouraging examples of such work. The formation of a co-operative circuit of five or six Texas cities at the suggestion of the Rosenberg Library has made it possible to secure an annual course of six weekly university extension lectures upon literary or other topics by some one of the professors of the University of Chicago Extension Division. These lectures have been very popular in all the cities of the co-operative circuit. In addition to the university extension lectures, each year various other good lectures have been given. Several of the leading professors of the University of Texas have appeared on the library lecture platform and have spoken to

large audiences. The library has printed in its lecture announcements suggestive reading lists that have encouraged reading and study upon the subjects of the lectures. The library has constantly aimed to secure a high quality of public service for its lecture platform, and a good beginning has been made. Free instructive lectures have been conducted for four seasons with continued large attendance and good public interest. Each year there have been provided for adults about a dozen lectures (often illustrated) in the evening; and there have been a number of illustrated lectures for school children in the day time. The total attendance at these lectures for four years has been about 29,000, an unexpectedly large number, in fact, more than double the number that would have met all reasonable expectations.

The Rosenberg Library maintains a branch library for colored people in addition to the colored high school building. There are 2,000 volumes and 30 current periodicals. The library room is open six hours a day. The registered borrowers number over 500, about one person in twelve of the colored people of the city. The loans for home use have been over 14,000 in three and a half years. The use of the branch library is good both in quality and quantity, and the books are receiving good care.

The directors of Rosenberg Library are: John Sealy, president; F. L. Lee, vice-president; J. P. Alvey, treasurer; I. Lovenberg, secretary; H. A. Landes, W. T. Armstrong, R. Waverley Smith. The board of twenty trustees (incorporated July 10, 1900) meets annually to hear reports and to elect the managing board of seven directors. The trustees are the seven directors above named, and the following persons: C. L. Beissner, G. D. Briggs, H. P. Cooke, Charles Fowler, John Goggan, T. J. Groce, M. E. Kleburg, J. C. League, C. P. Macgill, J. D. Rogers, Mrs. M. R. Macgill Rosenberg, J. F. Smith, Mrs. C. B. Stone. The library staff is as follows: Frank C. Patten, librarian; Mary C. Gardner, first assistant; Kate E. Dinsmoor, head of loan and reference departments; Lucy Crooks, Elizabeth Austin, Anabel Norwood, Ethel Hibbs.

GREENVILLE.

Burleson College Library. Burleson College was founded in 1895 at Greenville, Texas. It was named in honor of Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, then President of Baylor University at Waco, Texas, and

has been from the first under the control of the Baptist denomination. At first this control was local, but later Burleson College was made one of the system of correlated schools belonging to the Baptists and under the control of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

There is no official record of any library, but graduates of the first few years say that there were some books then belonging to the college. But these were not cared for, and were lost. While there is no record obtainable to the fact, the school must have been at some time a government depository, judging by the number of government documents in the college, when the present (1907-8) administration took control. No other books were found. But since these documents include a large number of reports from the Department of Education, Smithsonian, etc., they are of such nature as to be valuable in a college library.

Since 1904 a magazine reading room has been maintained by the Herculean Literary Society. There was no regular effort to preserve the files of magazines, however, nor any indexes provided.

In May, 1907, the Librarian of Baylor University recommended to the president that Baylor Library, instead of selling duplicates, place them in the libraries of the correlated schools of the system, that prepare for Baylor. Burleson College was the most needy, therefore, it was decided to send the first selection to her. During the summer vacation this was done. Some three hundred volumes of standard works are now in Burleson College Library. While, of course, this collection is not well balanced, it forms an excellent beginning.

In September, 1907, Miss Odo Surratt, Librarian Baylor University, resigned in order to accept the Chair of English in Burleson College. This position implied the charge of the library. Steps were at once taken to arouse a general interest among patrons and students in the library. The Platonian and Eunomian Literary Societies took up the matter of raising funds for the purchase of a few necessary reference books, and these books have already been ordered.

Donations of magazines have been and are constantly being made, now that the need is known. The library has not yet made any regular effort to circulate books, but has placed those needed in the study hall as the teachers call for them.

Carnegie Library. The movement for a public library in Greenville began in 1900 and culminated in 1903, when Mr. Carnegie agreed to give \$15,000 for a library building. Ground was broken in August, 1903, and the building entered the same year. The library now contains 2,700 volumes, and is open nine hours daily. Circulation since June, 1907, 7,300 volumes. Librarian, Corinne Gee; night librarian, Claude Moxley. Trustees: Mrs. Will H. Harrison, Mrs. W. P. Reeves, Mrs. Harry Carpenter, Mrs. L. C. Pennington, Mrs. Becton, Mrs. Cain, Messrs. R. M. Chapman, E. W. Harris, Geo. Collins, John Boyle, W. A. Williams, John Reeves, W. C. Dixon, James Armstead.

HARRISBURG.

Harrisburg Public Library. In 1906 a number of Harrisburg ladies—among them Mrs. J. G. Todd, Mrs. C. H. Milby, Mrs. B. Plumley, and Miss Annie Hume—at the suggestion of Mr. W. C. Hanner, principal of the high school, undertook to establish a public library. Those interested have been unceasing in their efforts to build up the library, which has proved very successful. It now contains over 700 volumes. Of these 250 were added during the past year. Income during the first year was \$225, \$100 from entertainments, and \$125 from contributions and fees. The use of the library is free, and school children are particularly encouraged to use it. Librarians, Mrs. Minnie Andrews, and Mr. H. C. Hanner, President of Board of Trustees; Mrs. Bettie Plumley.

HOUSTON.

William M. Rice Institute. After several years of litigation, the trustees are now in possession of the fund for the establishment of the William M. Rice Institute. This fund approximates six million dollars, and the scope of the Institute comprehends a polytechnic school with free tuition, and a public library. Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett of Princeton University, has been elected president of the Institute, and plans are under way for its establishment.

JEFFERSON.

Carnegie Library. The Carnegie building was entered December, 1907. The cost of the building was \$10,000. Library con-

tains 800 volumes. No librarian has yet been appointed, and the library is at present being kept open by members of the Library Association. President of Library Association, Mrs. W. J. Sedbury.

LA GRANGE.

Etaerio Club Library. Library was established in 1902 and is supported by subscriptions from its sixty members. It contains 315 volumes, which are housed in a room rented for the purpose. The library is open every Saturday from 5 to 5:30. Mrs. S. M. Huddleston and Mrs. Otto Ellinger serve as librarians. The officers of the club serve as trustees.

LA PORTE.

The La Porte Public School Library. Established in 1901, the library is kept up by the teachers and children of the public school. It contains 274 volumes, and is for use of school children principally. Librarian, Sarah Shannon.

LLANO.

Clopton Public Library. Established in 1904 and maintained by the Woman's Culture Club. Contains 450 volumes and circulates annually about 2,080 volumes. The library is free and is open for two hours every Saturday. Librarian, Mrs. George M. Watkins.

MARSHALL.

Carnegie Library of Wiley University (colored), completed 1907 at a cost of \$15,000. The building is of red pressed brick, with stone trimmings. The first floor is used as library proper and the second floor as an assembly room. Library contains 6,000 volumes and 500 pamphlets. President, M. W. Dagan.

PARIS.

Paris Public Library. Founded 1900, and in 1905 established in two rooms donated by a club member. The library now contains 1,197 volumes. Of these 161 were added last year. The library is a subscription library, supported by the women's clubs. Librarian, Mrs. Mary Johnson. Trustees, Mrs. W. A. Collins, President, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. W. M. Furey, Mrs. A. P. Park.

PRAIRIE VIEW.
(COLORED)

Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College Library. Founded 1876. The library now contains 1,100 volumes; 150 volumes were added last year. Income, 1907, \$100, all of which was spent for books. Librarian, P. E. Bledsoe. Hon. K. K. Leggett, Abilene, Texas, President of Board of Directors.

SAN ANGELO.

The library accumulated by the Woman's Club was destroyed by fire and no effort has been made so far to establish another one.

SAN MARCOS.

Southwest Texas State Normal Library. Established 1903. The library now contains 3,040 volumes and 8,000 school books. Added 1907, 500 volumes and 1,500 school books. Open daily seven hours. Librarian, Mrs. Lucy Burleson. Trustees, State Board of Education and local board composed of Hon. E. J. L. Green, Hon. S. V. Daniel, Dr. J. M. Hons.

TYLER.

Carnegie Public Library. The Carnegie Public Library of Tyler was dedicated on November 29, 1904. Its forerunner, known as the Tyler Public Library, owed its existence to the women's clubs of the city. Over 3,000 volumes were transferred to the new building before its dedication. During the eight years of the library's life, it has been greatly used by the citizens, and has been of special service to the public school teachers, pupils and women's clubs. The circulation for 1906 was 17,834 volumes. This does not convey an idea of the reference work done in the library every day.

At the solicitation of the Tyler library board, Mr. Carnegie, on March 20, 1903, agreed to give \$15,000 to erect a free public library building if the Tyler city council would agree to maintain it at a cost of not less than \$1,500 a year. The city accepted the proposition on May 4, 1903. The lot, costing \$2,000, was bought by the citizens and presented to the city. The building is of rough limestone and gray pressed brick, with overhanging roof of red tile. It is planned to shelve comfortably 12,000 books, and is so arranged that it can be administered by one librarian. The second

story is a small lecture hall, with stage and dressing rooms. The auditorium will seat 200 people.

The library is open six hours on week days and also two and one-half hours three nights during the week, a total of forty-three and one-half hours each week. Dewey's decimal classification is used, and there is a complete card catalogue of the books. That the children are well cared for in Tyler Public Library may be readily seen by reading the article by the librarian, Miss Sawyer, on "The Children's Room." Teachers in the public schools are given extra privileges.

Board of Trustees: Mrs. Alex. Woldert, president; Mrs. R. H. Brown, vice-president; J. S. Carlton, secretary; G. F. Taylor, treasurer; Dr. M. Faber, Mrs. Roy Phillips, S. S. Johnson, W. R. Castle, G. F. Pinkerton, J. R. Broughton, Rev. J. E. McLean (one vacancy to be filled).

UVALDE.

El Progreso Circulating Library. Founded 1905. A subscription library, supported by library tickets, entertainments, club dues, etc. Contains 600 volumes, and circulated for home use in 1907, 500 volumes. Kept open two days each week by different members of the club. Corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. W. Evans.

WACO.

Waco Public Library. The movement for a public library began 1898, when a permanent library association was formed by twenty-three ladies of Waco. The movement grew and was so successful that in 1902 the city agreed to make an annual appropriation for the support of a free library. The library had been maintained in a rented cottage, but in this year Mr. Carnegie was asked for a library building, which he agreed to give.

Since the Handbook of Texas Libraries was published in 1904, the Waco Public Library has grown from a small collection of 1,621 volumes housed in a rented cottage to a library of 9,000 volumes in a library building erected at a cost of \$30,000, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. On November 28, 1904, the building was formally presented to the citizens of Waco by Mr. I. A. Goldstein, President of the Waco Public Library Association, and on December 26, 1904, was opened for the circulation of books. The library has been

classified by the Decimal classification, and has been completely catalogued, using the printed cards provided by the Library of Congress. It has supported a children's story hour, a popular lecture course, and its resources have been constantly kept before the public by publishing current accessions in the daily papers.

To meet the needs of the people living in the east side of the city, a deposit station was established in East Waco on February 11, 1908. The establishment of the branch has proved to be a popular venture, furnishing an average monthly circulation of 500.

The board of control consists of thirteen trustees, elected by the Waco Public Library Association. Librarian, Gertrude Matthews.

Texas Christian University Library was founded in 1892. Edwin J. Toof, of New Haven, Conn., donated 1,000 volumes June 24, 1892, which were to be permanently known as "The Edwin J. Toof donation." The selection was carefully made by Mr. Toof's son, Mr. J. T. Toof. The gift was a valuable one. At the time this donation was made the library contained only 500 volumes, but it now numbers about 8,000 volumes, of which 2,200 of these are United States documents, and about 14,030 pamphlets; and a collection of periodicals, magazines, and newspapers are received, which are sufficient for the students to keep up with all the current events. Since the 1908-'09 session has opened 129 good reference books have been received. Sixty volumes are history, a gift of Mr. E. A. Strickland, of Georgetown, Texas, and are gladly welcomed. The Dewey system of classification is used, which renders the library the more serviceable. The library is opened during the university session daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. The library committee of the faculty is Elsworth E. Faris, professor of philosophy and sacred history, chairman; James B. Eskridge, professor of Latin, language and literature, and Shirley Graves, assistant professor of English. Besides the faculty and students others may, by paying the regular library fee of \$3.00 per annum, be granted the use of the library. In general the library aims to be uniformly developed in all fields. Librarian, Miss Nell Andrew.

WAXAHACHIE.

N. P. Sims Library. Nicholas P. Sims, the founder of the Sims Library and Lyceum, was born in Hanover County, Virginia, August 15, 1806. He died May 24, 1902. He was the son of John Sims, and the grandson of William Sims, a Revolutionary colonel. In 1811 the family moved to Maury County, Tenn. N. P. Sims subsequently removed to Oxford, Miss., in 1835, and to Ellis County in 1850. He was a man of strong and marked characteristics and of incorruptible integrity. In a will executed September 1, 1898, he donated over \$60,000 to found the library. The founder's own language forcibly expresses his purpose: "I am without descendants, and have passed the best years of my life in Ellis County, Texas, where I have accumulated the bulk of my fortune, and am desirous of promoting the mental, moral and physical advancement of the people of said county, and of the city of Waxahachie, its county seat, and especially of the youth of said county and city, and think this can be best done by the disposition of the residue of my estate which I make by this will."

The library building is located in Getzendaner Park, a gift to the city from Capt. W. H. Getzendaner. The building is constructed of Tiffany brick, a glazed or enameled brick, of gray color. The interior is conveniently planned and beautifully finished and decorated. On the first floor are reading rooms for adults and children, a reference room, librarian's office, and the stack room. On the second floor are a club room, directors' room, and a commodious assembly room. The handsome gilded arch of the stage in the assembly room is much admired; the room is seated with opera chairs, and contains a piano. In the basement are the hot water heating plant, storage rooms, and janitor's quarters. The building is lighted by electricity, and is equipped with the best library furniture.

The building was dedicated April 26, 1905, and was opened for use in November of the same year. The 4,400 books were chosen from the A. L. A. catalog. Gratifying evidence of the usefulness of the library is found in the steadily increasing circulation. Considerable reference work is done, especially with the students of Trinity University. A display of Madonna pictures was a special feature last Christmas; an amateur photographic exhibit and a

post card exhibit have been held since. In the spring of 1906, a "Bird Day" celebration drew many children to the library; and on the Fourth of July the boys and girls were invited to "An Hour With the Patriots of the Revolution." During this year a regular children's story hour has been held, under the auspices of the Shakespeare Club, with Mrs. S. H. Watson as story teller.

The Decimal classification is used. There is a printed finding list and a shelf list on cards, but no card catalog as yet. About thirty of the best periodicals are kept in the reading room.

Use of the periodicals and books in the building is absolutely free, but a deposit is required for the home use of books. This deposit is \$2.00 for an individual (allowing the borrower one card), or \$3.00 for a family (three borrowers' cards). The deposit is good for a lifetime, or it may be withdrawn at any time, upon surrender of the card.

WHARTON.

The **Wharton Library** is a free institution, maintained by the New Century Club, with headquarters at the city hall. It is conducted through a library board; three members appointed from the New Century Club, and two from the city council. The city furnishes the room, and the club raises funds to pay a librarian, who keeps the library open from 4 to 6 every afternoon except Sunday. Once a year a book reception is held, thus materially increasing the number of volumes. Eight magazines are received monthly. We own our own piano, 1,000 volumes, including encyclopedias and many valuable reference books, housed in five handsome bookcases. Library tables, chairs, pictures, rugs, pillows and flower receptacles give the room a cosy appearance. The room is also used as a club room where the club meetings are held once a week.

It has long been the wish of the board to get out a catalogue of books, but owing to the financial condition of the association has been deferred from time to time, and now, through the generosity of J. B. Smith, the work has been accomplished.

The most valuable collection is the Bee Beadle memorial, donated by the little lady's mother soon after her death, which occurred in this city, where her friends were legion. This collection consists of juvenile works and contains about 200 volumes. Another valuable donation was made by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rowe, all standard works.

Hon. R. M. Brown has given several complete sets and Mrs. Rosa McCamly has made liberal donations from time to time.

The present board of managers are: Mrs. C. M. Hughs, Mrs. J. M. Andrews, Mrs. J. R. Cloud, R. B. Huston, and J. H. Herring. Librarian, Kate Rugely.

CARNEGIE LIBRARIES IN TEXAS.

Dallas	\$50,000
Fort Worth	50,000
Houston	50,000
San Antonio	70,000
El Paso	35,000
Terrell	15,000
Waco	35,000
Clarksville	10,000
Tyler	15,000
Belton	10,000
Brownwood	10,000
Corsicana	25,000
Cleburne	10,000
Greenville	15,000
Laredo	10,000
Bryan	10,000
Temple	10,000
Santa Anna	15,000
Pittsburg	3,000
Marshall (Wiley College)	15,000
Jefferson	10,000
Nacogdoches	10,000
Abilene	15,000
Ballinger	10,000
Winnsboro	10,000

TEXAS LIBRARIES SUPPORTED BY SPECIAL TAX.

Most of the public libraries in Texas owe their origin to the munificent gifts of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie's usual stipulation in making a gift is that the town provide a building site and set aside annually ten per cent of the amount of the gift (in the first gifts to Texas he only required eight per cent) for maintenance. The majority of the cities receiving Mr. Carnegie's gifts have appropriated out of the general fund the fixed sum necessary to receive the gift, consequently the libraries in our rapidly growing cities soon find themselves confronted with the problem of a rapidly increasing patronage and a totally inadequate fixed income.

San Antonio, El Paso and Corsicana were wise enough to provide in the beginning for a special tax sufficient to provide the stipulated income, which also increases with the growth of the cities and enables the libraries to meet the added demands made upon them. Dallas and Fort Worth in their new charters adopted with the commission form of government in 1907, provide a special tax for the support of their libraries. Following is a list of the libraries in Texas supported by a special tax with the rate of taxation:

Corsicana.....	5 cents on the \$100.00 assessment
Dallas	1½ cents on the \$100.00 assessment
El Paso	2 cents on the \$100.00 assessment
Fort Worth.....	2 cents on the \$100.00 assessment
San Antonio.....	2 cents on the \$100.00 assessment

STATISTICS OF TEXAS

Place	Population	Name of Library	Founded	Free, Subscrip- tion or Insti- tutional	Receipts, 1907	
					Taxes and other appropri- ations	Total
1 Abilene.....	10,000	Federation Library*.....	1892	Sub.	.....	300.00
2 Abilene.....	10,000	Simmons College.....	1892	Inst.	.....	200.00
3 Alvin.....	1,250	Public High School Library.....	1890	Inst.	.....	.....
4 Arlington.....	3,000	Carlisle School for Boys.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
5 Austin.....	30,000	Institution for the Blind.....	1856	Inst.	.....	.....
6 Austin.....	30,000	St. Edwards College.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
7 Austin.....	30,000	Samuel Hutson College (Colored).....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
8 Austin.....	30,000	State Library.....	1839	State	.....	.....
9 Austin.....	30,000	Supreme Court Library.....	1846	State	.....	.....
10 Austin.....	30,000	Texas School for the Deaf.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
11 Austin.....	30,000	Texas State Historical Association.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
12 Austin.....	30,000	Tillotson College (Colored).....	1881	Inst.	.....	.....
13 Austin.....	30,000	University of Texas.....	1883	Inst.	12,900	13,000
14 Austin.....	30,000	Young Mens Christian Association.....	1894	YMCA	.....	.....
15 Bastrop.....	2,145	Public Library.....	1900	Free	.....	.....
16 Beaumont.....	22,000	Public Library†.....	1906	Sub.	.....	350.00
17 Beaumont.....	22,000	Public High School Library.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
18 Belton.....	7,000	Baylor Female College.....	1845	Inst.	.....	.....
19 Belton.....	7,000	Carnegie Library.....	1898	Free	.....	.....
20 Bonham.....	5,042	Carlton College.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
21 Bowie.....	2,909	Public High School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
22 Brackettville.....	2,020	Ft. Clark Post Library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Brenham.....	5,968	Blinn Memorial College.....	1887	Inst.	.....	200.00
24 Brenham.....	5,698	Public Library†.....	1901	Free	.....	200.00
25 Brownsville.....	7,900	St. Joseph's College.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
26 Brownwood.....	8,000	Carnegie Library.....	1900	.....	.....	.....
27 Brownwood.....	8,000	Howard Payne College (Colored).....	1889	Inst.	.....	100.00
28 Bryan.....	4,889	Carnegie Public Library.....	1902	Free	.....	.....
29 Caldwell.....	1,535	Public High School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
30 Cameron.....	3,341	Public High School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
31 Chappell Hill.....	800	Chappell Hill Female College.....	1852	Inst.	.....	.....
32 Chappell Hill.....	800	Circulating Library.....	1873	Sub.	.....	.....
33 Clarksville.....	3,512	Carnegie Library.....	1900	.....	.....	.....
34 Cleburne.....	14,000	Carnegie Library.....	1903	Free	2,000.00	2,068.54
35 Cleburne.....	14,000	Public School Library.....	1886	Inst.	.....	.....
36 Cleburne.....	14,000	Santa Fe R. R. Y. M. C. A.	1901	YMCA	.....	.....
37 Clifton.....	1,207	Magazine Club Library.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
38 Clifton.....	1,207	Junior Epworth League.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39 College Station.....	391	A. & M. College Library.....	1879	Inst.	.....	900.00
40 Commerce.....	3,500	East Texas Normal College.....	1894	Inst.	.....	.....
41 Corpus Christi.....	4,703	Public High School Library.....	1905	Free	2,195.62	3,096.60
42 Corsicana.....	14,000	Carnegie Public Library.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
43 Corsicana.....	14,000	Public School Library.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
44 Crockett.....	14,000	Public High School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
45 Cuero.....	5,000	Hawthorne Club Library.....	1899	Sub.	.....	.....
46 Cuero.....	5,000	John C. French High School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
47 Dallas.....	90,000	Central Academy.....	1882	Inst.	.....	.....
48 Dallas.....	90,000	Patton Seminary.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
49 Dallas.....	90,000	Public Library (Carnegie Building).....	1901	Free	5,000.00	6,631.03
50 Denton.....	4,187	North Texas Normal College.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
51 Denton.....	4,187	Public High School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
52 Dublin.....	2,490	Woman's Thursday Club Library.....	1902	Club	.....	.....
53 El Paso.....	45,000	El Paso Public Library (Carnegie Bldg.)	1900	Free	5,366.87	6,159.87
54 El Paso.....	45,000	Public High School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
55 Ennis.....	4,919	J. C. Watkins Pub. School.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
56 Forney.....	1,295	Woman's Wednesday Club Library.....	1900	Sub.	.....	.....
57 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Carnegie Public Library.....	1899	Free	5,287.67	6,293.73
58 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Commercial Club.....	1885	Club	.....	.....
59 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Ft. W. High School Library.....	1902	Inst.	.....	.....
60 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Ft. Worth Law Library.....	1881	Inst.	.....	.....
61 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Ft. Worth University Library.....	1886	Sub.	.....	.....
62 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Mrs. Gorman's Reading Room.....	1895	Inst.	.....	.....
63 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Polytechnic College.....	.....	Club	.....	.....
64 Fort Worth.....	70,000	Woman's Wednesday Club.....	.....	Club	.....	.....
65 Fort Worth.....	70,000	'93 Club.....	.....	Club	.....	.....
66 Galveston.....	40,000	Bal High School.....	1882	Inst.	.....	50.00
67 Galveston.....	40,000	Court of Civil Appeals Law Library.....	1902	Free	.....	.....
68 Galveston.....	40,000	Rosenberg Library.....	1900	Free	.....	.....
69 Galveston.....	40,000	St. Mary's University.....	1900	Inst.	.....	.....
70 Galveston.....	40,000	Texas Historical Society.....	1870	.....	.....	.....
71 Galveston.....	40,000	University of Texas Medical Library.....	1891	Inst.	800.00	1,042.00
72 Galveston.....	40,000	Ursuline Convent.....	1846	Inst.	.....	.....
73 Galveston.....	40,000	Young Men's Christian Assn.....	1884	YMCA	.....	.....
74 Georgetown.....	5,000	Southwestern University.....	1901	Inst.	.....	9,000.00
75 Georgetown.....	5,000	San Jacinto Society.....	.....	Inst.	.....	.....
76 Gonzales.....	5,000	Gonzales High School.....	1896	Inst.	.....	.....
77 Greenville.....	10,000	Burleson College*.....	1907	Inst.	.....	.....

* Statistics for 1906-07.

Interest on Endowment Fund of over \$500,000.

† Maintained by Fortnightly Club.

‡ Maintained by 20th Century Club.

LIBRARIES 1907-08

Expenditures, 1907		Books Periodicals Binding	Total Volumess added 1907-8	Total Volumess	Circulation 1907-8	Cost of Building	Librarian	Chairman of Board or Library Com.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77
Books	Periodicals								
180.00	300.00	180	2,100	3,500	\$17,500.00	Emma L. Taylor...	H. H. Parremore.	1	
150.00	250.00	10	6,000	1,050		J. Manely Morgan...		2	
			5,000					3	
			1,000					4	
			6,000					5	
			5,000					6	
			1,100					7	
			2,800					8	
			375					9	
			2,000					0	
850.00	3,200.00	1,500	33,000			Joseph S. Myers...		11	
			1,300					12	
			2,800					13	
			800					14	
			2,000					15	
7,200.00	13,000	3,196	58,760	23,727		Phineas L. Windsor...	Dr. E. W. Fay.	16	
			2,000					17	
			800					18	
			1,700					19	
			1,000					20	
			4,500					21	
			1,500					22	
200.00	350.00	1,100	2,022	6,881	10,000.00	S. J. Brient...	Mrs. Mary L. Fuller.	23	
			1,000					24	
			1,000					25	
			1,500					26	
124.25	700.00	146	2,022	6,881		J. E. Stuilkens...	Rev. H. Dietz.	27	
			1,000					28	
			1,000					29	
			1,500					30	
200.00	200.00	350	2,500			Tudie Harris...	Mrs. Jno. M. Key.	31	
		125	3,000	1,500				32	
			5,000					33	
					10,000.00	J. G. Iliff...	T. C. Yantis.	34	
100.00	100.00	100	2,000			Martha Watkins...		35	
			1,000					36	
			1,200					37	
			1,000					38	
47.78	49.00		1,027			Mrs. W. R. Campbell...		39	
					10,000.00	Rebecca Royal...	W. M. Odell	40	
824.21	2,057.43	630	3,403	13,490	20,000.00	Mrs. L. C. Choate...		41	
			1,800			Samuel Warr...		42	
			770					43	
			37					44	
			400					45	
			636.35	300		Willie Davis...		46	
1,200.00	1,200.00	1,400	6,000			Furman Candil...	W. L. Mayo.	47	
			1,200					48	
351.83	2,991.38	722	5,312	31,428	25,000.00	Mrs. C. M. Houston...	E. A. Johnson.	49	
			1,200			J. W. Cantwell...		50	
			1,002					51	
			1,250			Mrs. W. S. Fleming...		52	
			3,500					53	
			1,000					54	
2,274.92	7,837.34	2,728	23,500	85,464	50,057.50	Rosa M. Leeper...	Mrs. A. H. Belo.	55	
			6,000					56	
			1,300					57	
			260			Miss Ethel Friend...		58	
979.90	6,288.03	666	6,900	47,696	35,000.00	Maud Durlin...	Mrs. Kohlberg.	59	
			2,250					60	
			2,500					61	
			300			W. D. Edelen...		62	
						W. D. Adams...		63	
1,320.86	6,341.28	1,022	16,381	62,758	50,000.00	Mrs. Charles Scheuber...	W. B. Paddock.	64	
			3,800			H. Clay Walker...		65	
			500			Christine Matthews...		66	
			5,000			J. A. Scott...		67	
			3,500			Jeanette Lewis...		68	
			5,000			Mrs. H. C. L. Gorman...		69	
			3,000			U. S. Hunter...		70	
			825			Mrs. Thomas F. West...		71	
			500			Mrs. B. H. Getz...		72	
			500			W. A. James...		73	
			500			H. M. Knight...		74	
			500			J. B. Remy...		75	
			5,000			E. G. Littlejohn...		76	
			200			Addie Hill...		77	
			2,000			Sister Mary Ignacius...			
			900			Judson B. Palmer...			
			6,000			Margaret McKennon...			
			38.00	50		Rozelle Nicholson...			
			320	320		Odo Surratt...			

STATISTICS OF TEXAS

Place	Population	Name of Library	Founded	Receipts, 1907	
				Free, Subscripti- tion or Insti- tutional	Taxes and other appropri- ations
78 Greenville	10,000	Carnegie Library [†]	1900	Free	942.28
79 Harrisburg	1,000	Harrisburg Public Library [†]	1906	Free	225.00
80 Honey Grove	2,453	Wall School	1890	Inst.	
81 Houston	90,000	Houston High School	1894	Inst.	
82 Houston	90,000	Houston Lyceum & Carnegie Library	1848	Free	6,000.00
83 Houston	90,000	Knights of Columbus Library	1908	Free	100.00
84 Houston Heights	6,000	Public School Library	1904	Inst.	
85 Huntsville	3,000	Sam Houston Normal Institute (Peabody Memorial Library)	1879	Inst.	2,00.0000
86 Huntsville	3,000	State Penitentiary		Inst.	
87 Jasper	450	South-East Texas Male & Female College		Inst.	
88 Jefferson	3,500	Carnegie Library	1907	Free	
89 Kingston	278	Cathoun College Library	1885	Inst.	
90 La Grange	3,000	Etaerio Club Library	1902	Sub.	
91 Lampasas	3,500	Lampasas Public Library	1903	Sub.	150.00
92 La Porte	800	Public School Library	1901	Inst.	
93 Laredo	15,000	Laredo Seminary (Cotte Hogue Library)	1883	Inst.	
94 Llano	3,000	Clopton Public Library [†]	1904	Free	
95 Lockhart	2,306	Dr. Eugene Clarke Library	1899	Free	
96 Longview	7,943	Shakespeare Club Library	1900	Club	
97 McGregor	2,500	Public Library	1902	Free	50.00
98 McKinney	5,992	Public Library	1901	Sub.	1,522.00
99 Marshall	12,000	Bishop College Library (Colored)	1882	Inst.	
100 Marshall	12,000	Public Library	1900	Sub.	
101 Marshall	12,000	Wiley University Library (Carnegie Building) (Colored)	1873	Inst.	
102 Mexia	2,393	Public High School	1890	Inst.	
103 Midland	2,005	Public Library	1903	Club	
104 Mt. Pleasant	4,000	"99" Club Library		Sub.	
105 Nacogdoches	5,000	Cum Concilio Club Library	1894	Inst.	
106 Nacogdoches	5,000	Public High School		Inst.	
107 New Braunfels	2,097	Academy Library		Inst.	
108 Omen	226	Summer Hill School Library	1884	Inst.	
109 Orange	5,697	Public High School		Inst.	
110 Palestine	9,035	Public Library	1900	Sub.	
111 Paris	18,000	Female College Library		Inst.	
112 Paris	18,000	High School Library	1893	Inst.	
113 Paris	18,000	Paris Public Library	1900	Sub.	288.70
114 Prairie View	511	Prairie View Normal (Colored)	1876	Inst.	100.00
115 San Antonio	90,000	Annie Cotter Sullivan Library	1905	Sub.	100.00
116 San Antonio	90,000	Carnegie Library	1872	Free	8,490.00
117 San Antonio	90,000	San Antonio Female College	1896	Inst.	9,952.64
118 San Antonio	90,000	St. Louis College	1834	Inst.	
119 San Antonio	90,000	St. Mary's College	1853	Inst.	
120 San Antonio	90,000	Theological Seminary Library	1903	Inst.	
121 San Marcos	5,500	Southwest Texas State Normal School	1903	Inst.	
122 Savoy	834	Savoy College		Inst.	
123 Seguin	3,000	Guadalupe College (Brooks Library)	1884	Inst.	
124 Sherman	15,000	Austin College	1850	Inst.	
125 Sherman	15,000	North Texas Female College	1885	Inst.	
126 Sherman	15,000	Public High School Library	1895	Inst.	
127 Sherman	15,000	Public Library [†]	1901	Free	
128 Taylor	4,204	Public Library	1900	Sub.	
129 Tehuacana	382	Trinity University		Inst.	
130 Temple	15,000	Carnegie Library	1902	Free	600.00
131 Temple	15,000	Public High School Library		Inst.	
132 Temple	15,000	Y. M. C. A. R. R. Department	1900	YMCAs	
133 Terrell	8,000	Carnegie Public Library [†]	1903	Free	999.96
134 Tyler	12,000	Carnegie Public Library	1899	Free	1,691.82
135 Uvalde	5,000	El Progreso Circulating Library	1905	Sub.	1,800.00
136 Victoria	4,010	Bronte Club Library	1899	Sub.	2,349.91
137 Waco	35,000	Baylor University Library	1901	Inst.	139.23
138 Waco	35,000	Public Library (Carnegie Building)	1898	Inst.	1,400.00
139 Waco	35,000	Douglas Schuler School		Inst.	2,400.00
140 Waco	35,000	Paul Quinn College (Colored)		Inst.	3,000.00
141 Waco	35,000	Texas Christian University	1892	Inst.	4,030.24
142 Waco	35,000	Y. M. C. A. Library	1885	YMCAs	
143 Waxahachie	10,000	N. P. Sims Library	1902	Free	
144 Waxahachie	10,000	Public School Library	1897	Inst.	
145 Waxahachie	10,000	Trinity University		Inst.	
146 Weatherford	5,106	Hughey & Turner School	1903	Inst.	
147 Weatherford	5,106	Public High School	1895	Inst.	
148 Weatherford	5,106	Weatherford College	1889	Inst.	
149 Wharton	1,689	Public Library	1903	Free	
150 Whitemore	1,804	Grayson College	1886	Inst.	
151 Wichita Falls	4,075	Ladies Library Association	1900	Sub.	

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[†] Maintained by Harrisburg Library Association.

‡ Maintained by Woman's Culture Club.

§ Maintained by Shakespeare Club.

● Interred on N. P. Sims Endowment Fund.

¶ Greenville Statistics June-Nov. 1907.

LIBRARIES 1907-08—Continued.

Expenditures, 1907		Total Volumes added 1907-8		Total Volumes	Circulation 1907-8	Cost of Building	Librarian	Chairman of Board or Library Com.	
Books	Periodicals	Total	Volumes						
95.00	1,012.28	102	2,700	7,300	15,000.00	Corrine Gee.....	R. M. Chapman.	78	
75.00	225.00	250	700	850		Minnie Andrews.....	Mrs. Bettie Plumley.	79	
				3,200		S. V. Wall.....		80	
150.00				4,000		W. G. Smiley.....		81	
2,771.25	7,309.71	5,222	24,290	92,458	50,000.00	Julia Ideson.....	J. M. Cotton.	82	
100.00	100.00	100	220			Adam Clay, Jr.....		83	
			850			A. H. Russell.....	Mrs. W. P. Love.	84	
		2,122	24,589		12,500.00	Ella Smither.....		85	
				3,400		W. T. McDonald.....		86	
				1,000				87	
				800			Mrs. W. J. Sedberry	88	
				1,000				89	
60.00	175.00	56	315	1,311		Mrs. S. W. Huddleston		90	
50.00	200.00	100	600	700	3,000.00	Mrs. Ellege.....	Mrs. E. S. Noble.	91	
		112	274			Sarah Shannon.....		92	
				1,000		W. E. Holding.....		93	
		75.00	450	2,080		Mrs. Geo. M. Watkins.....		94	
			2,715			Edgar Rogan.....		95	
			1,000			Mrs. Fambrough.....		96	
163.05	442.72	325	1,843	7,500	600.00	Bettie Wright.....	Dr. J. E. Brown.	97	
			511			Mrs. J. Sullivan.....		98	
60.00	60.00	28	4,000			Mariet D. Barker.....		99	
			2,000					100	
		400.00	1,800	5,280		J. B. Randolph.....	M. W. Dagan..	101	
				1,600				102	
								103	
			20	400		Mrs. J. M. Badt.....		104	
				1,000		Mrs. Roland Jones.....		105	
				1,000				106	
				1,200				107	
				1,800				108	
				2,542		Bessie R. Ferguson.....		109	
				1,800				110	
				2,500		Irene Alderson.....		111	
125.00	257.18	177	1,300	1,197		Mrs. Mary Johnson.....	Mrs. W. N. Fury.	112	
100.00	100.00	150	1,100			P. E. Bledsoe.....		113	
300.00			1,700	18,200		K. M. Hely.....		114	
1,332.06	8,856.59	1,766	20,000	73,898	70,819.10	Benjamin Wyche.....	E. H. Terrell.	115	
300.00			3,000					116	
			1,000					117	
			3,000					118	
100.00		2,000	11,040			C. Fengler, O. M. I.....		119	
			2,320			Mrs. Lucy Burleson.....		120	
			1,200					121	
			4,500			David Abner.....		122	
			6,000			D. F. Eagleton.....		123	
			1,000			E. Louise Strother.....		124	
			1,200					125	
			1,000					126	
			350					127	
			500				Mrs. D. F. Smith.....	128	
250	1,000.00	300	4,000		15,000.00	Mrs. Mary Cockrane.....	Mrs. W. S. Banks.	129	
			1,000					130	
			1,100					131	
434.33	1,092.12	401	3,000	14,162	10,000.00	Mrs. A. E. Alexander.....	Mr. T. L. Frank.	132	
750.00	2,400.00	641	5,143	17,834	15,000.00	Mary A. Osgood.....	Mrs. Alex. Noldert.	133	
			600	500		Mrs. A. W. Evans.....		134	
						Mrs. A. B. Petricolas.....		135	
92.28	128.28	85	1,406	2,500				136	
984.95	2,500.00	2,355	28,000		75,000.00	Elwood Fouts.....		137	
1,032.83	3,645.45	2,104	9,084	38,451	30,000.00	Gertrude Matthews.....	Mr. I. A. Goldstein.	138	
			1,250					139	
			1,000					140	
			8,000			Neil Andrew.....	Prof. E. E. Faris.	141	
100.00		30	400	800				142	
500.00		350	4,994	6,904	24,980.95	Irene D. Galloway.....	O. E. Dunlap.	143	
			2,500					144	
			5,000					145	
			1,000					146	
			3,000					147	
			1,542					148	
8.00	125.00	100	1,000	600		Kate Rugeley.....	Mrs. C. M. Hughes.	149	
			5,000			J. F. Anderson.....		150	
			1,000			Juliet Williams.....		151	

LIST OF STATE LIBRARY COMMISSIONS.

NAME OF COMMISSION	DATE ESTAB.	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	ADDRESS
Alabama Department of Archives and History.....	1907	T. M. Owen.....	Montgomery, Ala.
California State Library.....	1899	J. L. Gillis, State Librarian	Sacramento, Cal.
Colorado State Board Library Commissioners.....	1899	C. R. Dudley, President.....	Public Library, Denver Col.
Colorado Traveling Library Commission.....	1903	Mrs. Julia V. Welles, President.....	The Capitol, Denver, Col.
Connecticut Free Public Library Committee.....	1893	Miss Caroline M. Hewins, Secretary.....	Public Library, Hartford, Conn.
Delaware State Library Commission.....	1901	Thomas W. Wilson, Secretary.....	State Library, Dover, Del.
Georgia Library Commission.....	1897	.....	Carnegie Library, Atlanta, Ga.
Idaho State Library Commission.....	1901	E. Louise Johnson, Secretary.....	Boise, Idaho.
Indiana Public Library Commission.....	1899	Chalmers Hadley, Secretary.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa Library Commission.....	1900	Miss Alice S. Tyler, Secretary.....	Des Moines, Iowa.
Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission.....	1899	Miss Nellie G. Armentrout, Secretary.....	State Library, Topeka, Kan.
Maine Library Commission.....	1899	Ernest W. Emery, Secretary.....	Augusta, Me.
Maryland State Library Commission.....	1901	Bernard C. Steiner, Secretary.....	Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.
Maryland Public Library Commission.....	1902	Miss Mary L. Titcomb, Secretary.....	Washington County Free Library, Hagerstown, Md.
Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission	1890	C. B. Tillinghast, Chariman	State Library, Boston, Mass.
Michigan State Board of Library Commissioners	1899	Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, Secretary.....	State Library, Lansing, Mich.
Minnesota Public Library Commission.....	1899	Miss Clara F. Baldwin, Secretary.....	St. Paul, Minn.
Missouri Library Commission.....	.....	Miss Charlotte Templeton, Secretary.....	Jefferson, City Mo.
Nebraska Public Library Commission.....	1901	.....	Lincoln, Neb.
New Hampshire Public Library Commission.....	1891	Arthur H. Chase, Secretary.....	State Library, Concord, N. H.
New Jersey Public Library Commission.....	1899	H. C. Buchanan, Secretary.....	State Library, Trenton, N. J.
New York Education Department— Division of Educational Extension.....	1892	W. R. Eastman, Inspector.....	State Library, Albany, N. Y.
North Dakota State Library Commission.....	1896	C. B. Gaibreath, Secretary.....	State Library, Columbus, Ohio.
Ohio Board of Library Commissioners.....	1905	Miss Cornelia Marvin, Secretary.....	Salem, Ore.
Oregon Library Commission.....	1899	Thos. L. Montgomery, Secretary.....	State Library, Harrisburg, Pa.
Pennsylvania Free Library Commission.....	1894	Miss Frances Hobart, Secretary.....	Montpelier, Vt.
Vermont Board of Library Commissioners.....	1901	J. M. Hitt, Secretary.....	Olympia, Wash.
Washington State Library Commission.....	1895	Henry E. Legler, Secretary.....	Madison, Wis.